



## Order No. 19-14-01 USDA Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit South Shore Fuels Reduction and Healthy Forest Restoration Project

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a), and to provide for public safety, the following acts are prohibited within the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit. This Order is effective every day from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., May 7, 2014, through October 14, 2014.

- 1. Going into or being upon Unit 117 and Unit 19 of the South Shore Fuels Reduction and Healthy Forest Restoration Project, as described on Exhibit A and shown on the attached map. 36 CFR 261.53(e).
- 2. Being on any National Forest System road within Unit 117 and Unit 19 of the South Shore Fuels Reduction and Healthy Forest Restoration Project, as shown on the attached map. 36 CFR 261.54(e).
- 3. Being on any National Forest System trail within Unit 117 and Unit 19 of the South Shore Fuels Reduction and Healthy Forest Restoration Project, as shown on the attached map. 36 CFR 261.55(a).

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

- 1. Persons with a permit from the Forest Service specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
- 2. Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- 3. Persons with a contract from the Forest Service authorizing work on the South Shore Fuels Reduction and Healthy Forest Restoration Project are exempt from the prohibitions listed above to the extent authorized by the contract.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

A violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559, 3571, and 3581.

Done at South Lake Tahoe, California, this 6th day of May, 2014.

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Forest Supervisor, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit





## Order No. 19-14-01 USDA Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit South Shore Fuels Reduction and Healthy Forest Restoration Project Exhibit A

The boundary of Unit 117 begins at the intersection of Forest Road No. 12N31 and the northern section line of Section 8, Township 12 North, Range 18 East, Mt Diablo Base and Meridian, then continues 1.27 miles south along Forest Road 12N31, then continues .07 miles due west, then continues due south to its intersection with Lake Tahoe Boulevard, then continues north along Lake Tahoe Boulevard to its intersection with Viking Road, then continues north along Viking Road to its intersection with of the northern section line of Section 8, Township 12 North, Range 18 East, MDBM, then continues west along the northern section line of Section 8, Township 12 North, Range 18 East, MDBM, back to the starting point.

The boundary of Unit 19 begins at a point 440 feet south of the intersection of Industrial Ave and Lake Tahoe Boulevard at the Forest boundary, then continues .3 miles southwest along Lake Tahoe Boulevard, then continues .05 miles southeast at a 110 degree angle, then continues northeast at a 60 degree angle to its intersection with the Forest boundary, then continues west along the Forest boundary back to the starting point.

Date: May 06, 2014

To: Project File

From: Nancy J Gibson

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Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit

Re: Forest Closure for South Shore Fuels Reduction and Healthy Forest Restoration Project

Unit 19 and Unit 117

On January 10, 2012 a Record of Decision (ROD) was signed for implementation of forest thinning and fuels reduction activities within the South Shore Fuels Reduction and Healthy Forest Restoration Project. The ROD included consideration for temporarily closing portions of the project during implementation of fuels treatment and thinning activities in order to protect the public from falling trees and associated heavy equipment operations (as described in the EIS on pages 2-46, 3-335, and 3-339).

This closure is necessary to protect public health and safety from an active tree cutting and fuel removal operation. The closure will be in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. during the identified timeframe of the forest order. The unit identified for temporary forest closure is adjacent to multiple neighborhoods and several highly-used recreation areas within the South Shore of Lake Tahoe. The closure will occur on weekends due to expected work during these times and the presence of equipment and unstable log decks.

Overall, the implementation of mechanical activities in the project creates a hazard to the public from falling trees and limbs, and a lack of visibility near machinery and hauling equipment. The scope of work within this unit consists of ground-based mechanical equipment cutting and removing biomass and small sawlog material within the treatment unit.

I am temporarily closing National Forest System lands within the South Shore Fuels Reduction and Healthy Forest Restoration Project Unit 19 and Unit 117. This closure is intended to provide for public safety and is based upon the analysis contained in the South Shore Fuels Reduction and Healthy Forest Restoration Project EIS.

